

Iraq Weekly Status Report

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Highlights

1. Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgents

Sectarian violence in Baghdad has decreased since the beginning of Fardh al-Qanun as Coalition forces have moved off of large Forward Operating Bases and into smaller community-based combat outposts in order to better protect the Iraqi population.

2. Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance

Under a \$220 million acquisition plan, the Iraqi Navy will soon add 21 vessels to its fleet, taking it another step closer to operational independence. The navy force will also expand from its current 1,200 personnel to 2,000-2,500 by 2010. Additionally, Iraqi naval installations are undergoing \$180 million in modernization and infrastructure improvement efforts to build roads, utilities and barracks, in addition to the reconstruction of piers to support the incoming vessels.

3. Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government

Saddam Hussein's former deputy, Taha Yassin Ramadan, was hanged before dawn March 20, the fourth man to be executed in the killings of 148 Shiites following a 1982 assassination attempt against Saddam in the town of Dujail.

4. Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services

The construction of the US Army-funded CERP5/Saqliwiah float bridge road in Habbaniyah, al-Anbar province has been completed, providing increased traffic ability and reliable access to school, work, and other activities for 69,000 local residents.



Highlights

5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

Official Iraqi statistics show an overall price decline of 6.8% from January to February. Year-on-year prices were up 37.1% (a sharp decline from January's year-on-year rate of 66.4%). Core inflation (which excludes fuel and transport prices) was down 1.2% in February, with year-on-year inflation at 23.7%, down from 30.7% in January. It is too early to say that inflation is under control, but this may be a positive first step.

6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

The Central Criminal Court of Iraq convicted 23 individuals March 2-10 for violations of the Iraqi Terrorist Law, Residence Law, Penal Code, and Coalition Provisional Authority Orders enforced by the Iraqi judiciary.

7. International Support for Iraq

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon applauded a meeting held in New York regarding the International Compact with Iraq March 16, claiming it served "to bring the larger international community together to consider how best to support the people of Iraq under the Compact" which will "focus on Iraq's long-term economic development, while also stressing progress in the political and security fields, through a mutually reinforcing relationship."

8. Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents

During a television interview March 19, Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki insisted that sectarian violence in his country had ended and blamed the ongoing violence on al-Qaida, which he said posed the "biggest threat" to both Iraq and the Middle East.



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Fardh al-Qanun Lowers Violence in Northwest Baghdad:

- Sectarian violence in Baghdad has decreased since the beginning of Fardh al-Qanun, as Coalition forces have moved off of large Forward Operating Bases and into smaller, community-based combat outposts in order to better protect the Iraqi population.
 - According to Colonel J.B. Burton, the commander of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, his Brigade has seen a significant drop in violence over the past few months in the northwest Baghdad neighborhoods of Shula and Kadhimiya.
 - There, murders are down from 141 in January to 63 in February to 16 in March as of March 18. However, the area has seen an increase in car bombs targeting Shiite gathering places, as Sunni extremists and terrorists attempt to counter the security operations and incite sectarian violence.
 - Although overall violence has decreased, Colonel Burton stressed that it is still too early to judge success, and that there are still months of difficult work ahead. As other commanders have stated, Fardh al-Qanun is a long-term operation that will require continued patience as security efforts work to enable political solutions.

Troop Surge to Total 28,000:

- The Department of Defense announced March 16 that the total number of U.S. troops who will be part of the "surge" in Iraq will be about 28,000, adding an additional 7,500 support troops to the initial 21,500, making up five Brigade Combat Teams.



[2.] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

Iraq Navy on Its Way to Independence:

- Under a \$220 million acquisition plan, the Iraqi Navy will soon add 21 vessels to its fleet, taking it another step closer to operational independence.
 - By 2010, 15 patrol boats, four patrol ships from Italy, and two off-shore support vessels will be added to the current fleet of fast attack boats and Predator-class ships.
 - The navy force will also expand from its current 1,200 personnel to 2,000-2,500 by 2010.
- Iraqi naval installations are also undergoing \$180 million in modernization and infrastructure improvement efforts to build roads, utilities and barracks, in addition to the reconstruction of piers to support the incoming vessels.



[2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – **Iraqi Security Forces**

Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~135,000
NATIONAL POLICE	~ 25,400
OTHER MOI FORCES	~32,900
TOTAL	~193,300**

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~134,500***
AIR FORCE	~900
NAVY	~1,100
TOTAL	~136,500**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:
~329,800****

* Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are included in these numbers

** Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are not included in these numbers

*** Army numbers include Special Operations Forces and Support Forces

**** Does not include the approximately 144,000 Facilities Protection Service personnel working in 27 ministries

Data as of March 21, 2007 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - Developments

Saddam's Former Deputy Hanged in Iraq:

- Saddam Hussein's former deputy, Taha Yassin Ramadan, was hanged without incident before dawn March 20, the fourth man to be executed in the killings of 148 Shiites following a 1982 assassination attempt against Saddam in the town of Dujail.

Iraqi Prime Minister Makes Historic Visit to al-Anbar:

- Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki traveled to al-Ramadi in a historic meeting with governmental and tribal leaders March 13. The talks between Maliki and leaders from throughout al-Anbar took place at the headquarters of the Iraqi Army's newest unit, the 7th Iraqi Division and was focused on reconciliation and reconstruction efforts. Meeting participants included the provincial governor, Ma'moun Sami Rashid Alwani, his provincial council, and prominent tribal leaders from throughout al-Anbar.

Vice President Hashemi Calls for Talks with Insurgents:

- Iraqi Vice President Tariq al-Hashimi called for talks with all insurgent groups, with the exception of al-Qaida March 21, adding that these groups too were a part of the Iraqi community.



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - **Iraqi National Unity Government**

		Deputy President Tariq al-Hashimi	President Jalal Talabani	Deputy President 'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi	
		Deputy Prime Minister Barham Salih	Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki	Deputy Prime Minister Salam al-Zawba'i	(F) = Female
Minister of Agriculture Ya'rub Nathim	Minister of Communications Muhammad Tawfiq Allawi	Minister of Culture As'ad Kamal Muhammad Abdallah al-Hashimi	Minister of Defense Abdul Qadir Muhammed Jasim	Minister of Displacement & Migration Abd al-Samad Rahman Sultan	Minister of Electricity Karim Wahid
Minister of Education Khudayyir al-Khuza'i	Minister of Environment Narmin 'Uthman (F)	Minister of Finance Bayan Jabr	Minister of Foreign Affairs Hoshyar Zebari	Minister of Health Ali al-Shammari	Minister of Higher Education Abd Dhiyab al-Ajili
Minister of Human Rights Wijdan Mikha'il (F)	Minister of Industry & Minerals Fawzi al-Hariri	Minister of Interior Jawad al-Bulani	Minister of Justice Hashim al-Shibli	Minister of Housing & Construction Bayan Daza'l (F)	Minister of Labor & Social Affairs Mahmud Muhammad Jawad al-Radi
Minister of Oil Husayn al-Shahristani	Minister of Planning Ali Baban	Minister of Trade Abd al-Falah al-Sudani	Minister of Science & Technology Ra'id Fahmi Jahid	Minister of Municipalities & Public Works Riyad Ghurayyib	Minister of Transportation Karim Mahdi Salih
Minister of Water Resources 'Abd al-Latif Rashid	Minister of Youth & Sports Jasim Muhammad Ja'far	Minister of State for Civil Society Adil al-Asadi	Minister of State for National Dialogue Affairs Akram al-Hakim	Minister of State for National Security Affairs Shirwan al-Waili	
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rafi Hiyad al-Isawi	Minister of State for Governorates Affairs Sa'd Tahir Abd Khalaf al-Hashimi	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities Liwa Sumaysim	Minister of State for Women's Affairs Fatin Abd al-Rahman Mahmud (F)	Minister of State for CoR Affairs Safa al-Safi	



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

(Millions of USD)

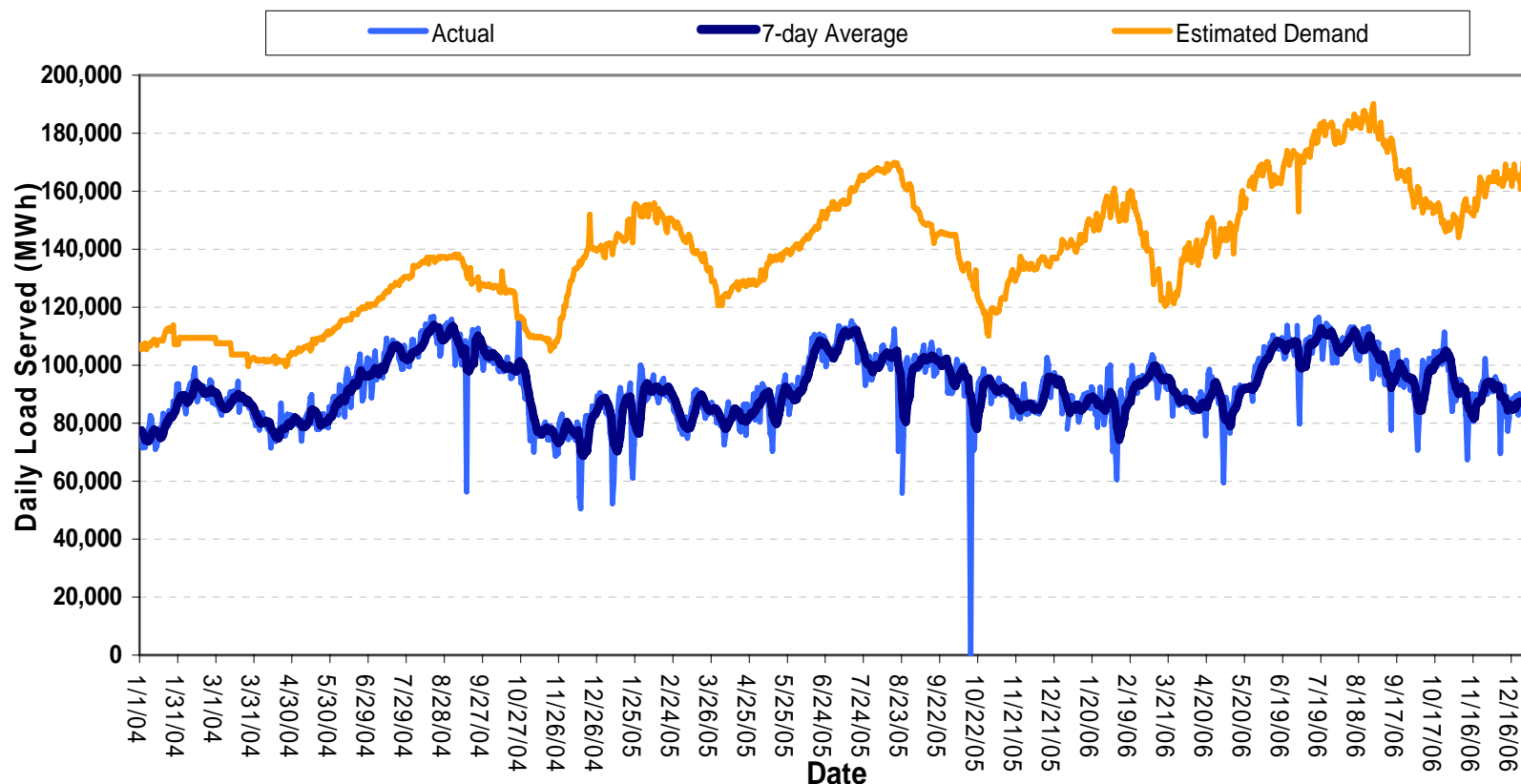
Sector	Apportioned	Committed				Obligated				Disbursed			
	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change		Last Week	Current	Change		Last Week	Current	Change	
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,002.59	\$4,988.67	\$4,988.67	\$0.00	—	\$4,986.20	\$4,986.20	\$0.00	—	\$4,723.45	\$4,726.87	\$3.42	↑
Electricity Sector	\$4,239.51	\$4,172.88	\$4,173.01	\$0.14	↑	\$4,034.04	\$4,034.17	\$0.14	↑	\$3,122.68	\$3,122.71	\$0.03	↑
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,672.76	\$1,672.76	\$0.00	—	\$1,582.78	\$1,582.78	\$0.00	—	\$1,369.28	\$1,369.28	\$0.00	—
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,304.15	\$1,303.87	\$1,303.90	\$0.03	↑	\$1,297.66	\$1,297.69	\$0.03	↑	\$1,025.06	\$1,029.34	\$4.28	↑
Democracy	\$1,001.85	\$998.59	\$999.23	\$0.63	↑	\$998.51	\$999.15	\$0.63	↑	\$896.25	\$913.89	\$17.64	↑
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$401.50	\$401.15	\$401.26	\$0.11	↑	\$401.15	\$401.26	\$0.11	↑	\$357.23	\$357.79	\$0.56	↑
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.60	\$331.90	\$331.94	\$0.04	↑	\$324.54	\$324.58	\$0.04	↑	\$214.45	\$214.45	\$0.00	—
Health Care	\$818.90	\$814.48	\$814.52	\$0.03	↑	\$800.24	\$800.27	\$0.03	↑	\$635.62	\$635.94	\$0.32	↑
Transportation and Communications	\$464.12	\$456.67	\$456.67	\$0.00	—	\$450.87	\$450.87	\$0.00	—	\$344.93	\$344.93	\$0.00	—
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,131.08	\$2,112.63	\$2,112.68	\$0.06	↑	\$2,042.78	\$2,042.83	\$0.06	↑	\$1,503.52	\$1,503.52	\$0.00	—
Private Sector Development	\$813.95	\$813.13	\$809.25	(\$3.87)	↓	\$813.13	\$809.25	(\$3.87)	↓	\$773.80	\$783.32	\$9.52	↑
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$212.45	\$210.59	(\$1.86)	↓	\$212.45	\$210.59	(\$1.86)	↓	\$185.67	\$185.02	(\$0.65)	↓
Total	\$18,448.95	\$18,279.17	\$18,274.47	(\$4.70)	↓	\$17,944.34	\$17,939.65	(\$4.70)	↓	\$15,151.94	\$15,187.06	\$35.13	↑
IRRF II Construction		\$10,503.63	\$10,503.82	\$0.19	↑	\$10,190.62	\$10,190.82	\$0.19	↑	\$8,245.59	\$8,245.62	\$0.03	↑
IRRF II Non-Construction		\$6,776.95	\$6,771.43	(\$5.52)	↓	\$6,755.21	\$6,749.68	(\$5.52)	↓	\$6,010.11	\$6,027.56	\$17.45	↑
IRRF II Democracy		\$998.59	\$999.23	\$0.63	↑	\$998.51	\$999.15	\$0.63	↑	\$896.25	\$913.89	\$17.64	↑
IRRF I Total	\$2,473.30	\$2,473.30	\$2,473.30	\$0.00	—	\$2,232.3	\$2,232.3	\$0.00	—	\$2,139.00	\$2,139.0	\$0.00	—
Grand Total IRRF I & II	\$20,922.25	\$20,752.47	\$20,747.77	(\$4.70)	↓	\$20,176.64	\$20,171.95	(\$4.70)	↓	\$17,290.94	\$17,326.06	\$35.13	↑

As of March 20, 2007

[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview



Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- During the week of March 5-21 electricity availability averaged 6.0 hours per day in Baghdad and 10.9 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was 9% below the same period in 2006.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Electricity and Transportation**

Electricity:

- The Bayji to Baghdad West #1 400 KV line remains down, with damage to 19 towers. The Ministry had several crews at the repair sites. The downed line resulted in limited power transfer from the north to the Baghdad Loop. A small amount of power is still being transferred from the north on the 132 KV grid, but more substantial transfers have occurred on only two days since December 27.
- The Ministry of Electricity reported that the Khur Zubayr to Hartha 400 KV line tripped offline March 2. The line was reported back in service March 5. On March 7, the Ministry reported the Bayji to Mosul #2 400 KV line was off due to unknown reasons. The line was later returned to service.

Transportation:

- The construction of the US Army-funded CERP5/Saqliwiah float bridge road in Habbaniyah, al-Anbar province has been completed, providing increased traffic ability and reliable access to school, work, and other activities for 69,000 local residents.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

Oil Update:

- Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending March 16 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$ \$55.11/ barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$57.932/barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$60.546/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$57.548/barrel

Employment Update:

Iraqi Employment Per Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% change
Gulf Region District (GRD) (Includes MILCON/OMA)	22,540	22,540	0.00%
US Agency for International Development (USAID)	20,219	21,519	6.43%
Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP) ²	4,305	4,305	0.00%
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	12,592	9,764	-22.46%
Iraq Reconstruction Relief Fund (IRRF) Non-Construction	6,481	6,481	0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	66,137	64,609	-2.31%

CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

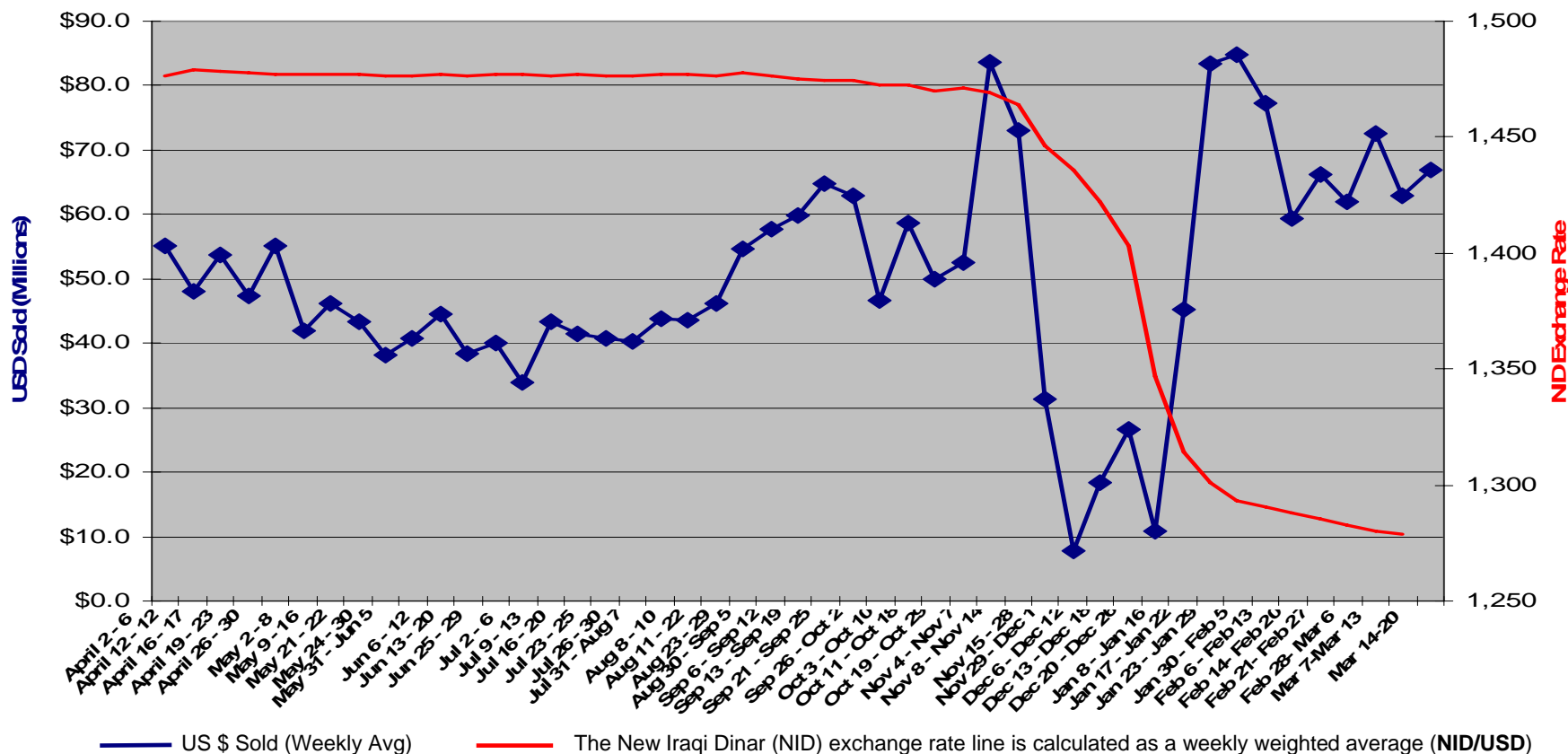


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

Central Bank's US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold of and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since April. Since September, the Central Bank has slowly appreciated the dinar, as suggested by the IMF, in an effort to rein in galloping inflation. There are early signs that this effort may have begun to bear fruit, with prices falling 6.8% between January and February.

Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: April 2, 2006 – March 13, 2007





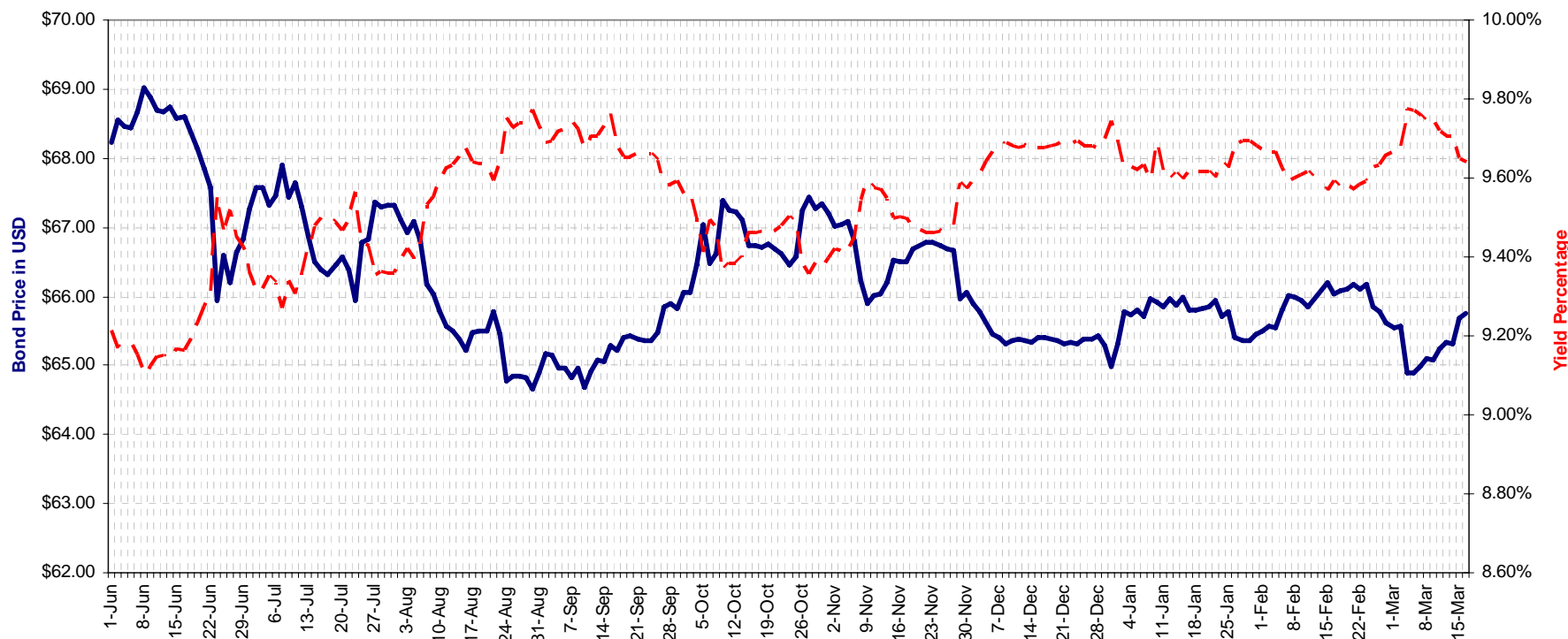
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

Trading of Iraqi Bonds on the International Secondary Bond Market:

- The following table shows the daily bond resale price and yield on Iraqi bonds issued January 20. The bonds were originally issued to approximately two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement as per Paris Club terms. Iraq's commercial debt was approximately \$22 billion before the debt-swap arrangement. The bonds, which are not yet rated, will mature in 2028. The bonds' current yield of 9.6 percent remains one of the highest in the world for sovereign debt instruments.

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales

June 1, 2006 - March 20, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy –Economic Events

Inflation Statistics Show Progress:

- Official Iraqi statistics show an overall price decline of 6.8% from January to February. Year-on-year prices were up 37.1% (a sharp decline from January's year-on-year rate of 66.4%). Core inflation (which excludes fuel and transport prices) was down 1.2% in February, with year-on-year inflation at 23.7%, down from 30.7% in January. It is too early to say that inflation is under control, but this may be a positive first step.

House Resolution Proposed to Prohibit U.S. Investment in Iraqi Oil:

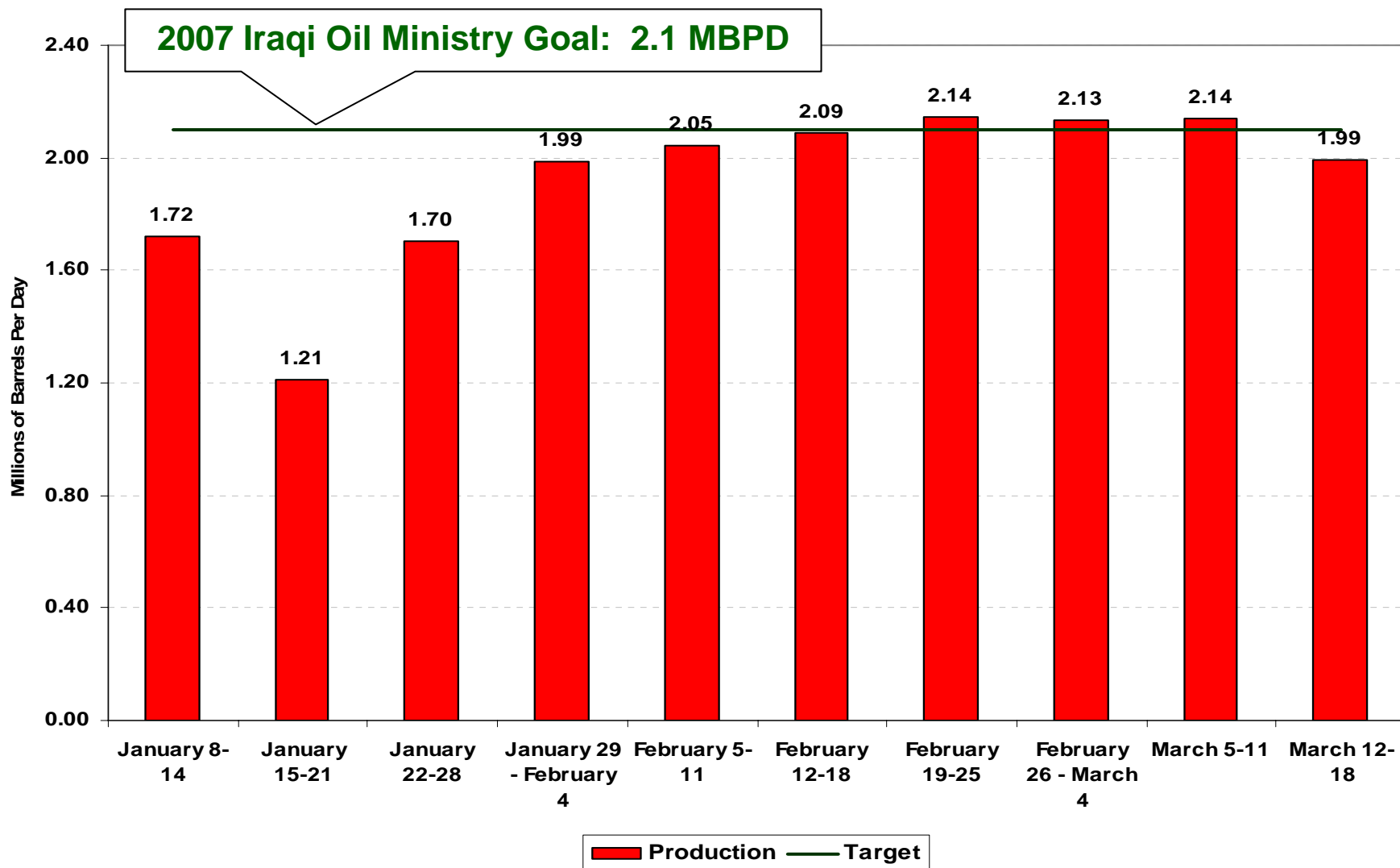
- House Resolution 508, the Bring the Troops Home and Iraq Sovereignty Restoration Act, prohibits the entry of USG or U.S. nationals from entering into a contract for the development, production, or marketing of petroleum resources in Iraq. This prohibition would expire if the president certifies to Congress that Iraq has passed and is enforcing an oil law.

Minister of Finance Jabr Meets with Ambassador Speckhard:

- Minister of Finance Bayan Jabr met with U.S. Ambassador to Baghdad Dan Speckhard and discussed the bilateral relations between the two countries. They also discussed the effects of Fardh al-Qanun on the economic situation in Iraq and how to promote the level of services offered to citizens.



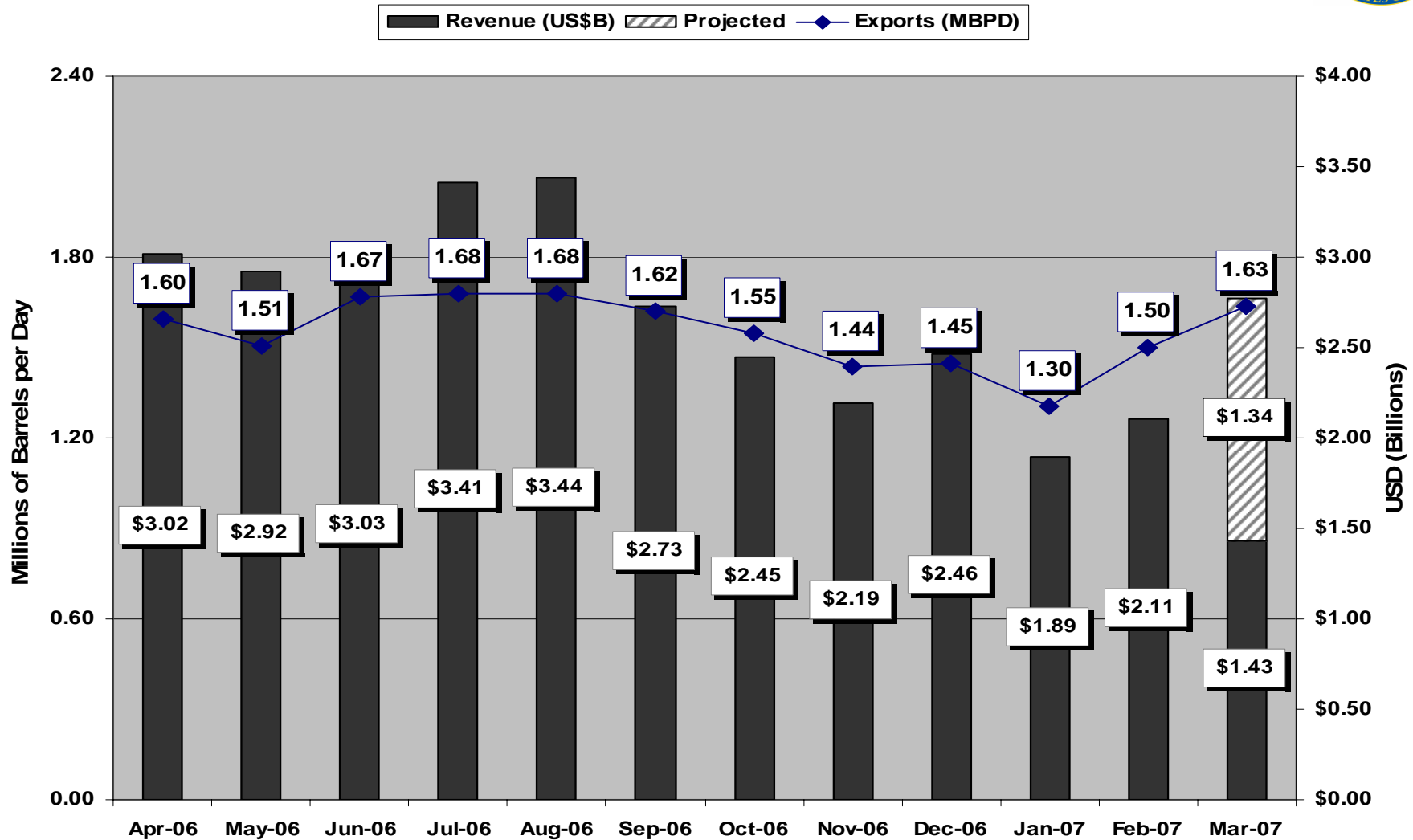
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Production



- Weekly Average (March 12 – March 18) of 1.99 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



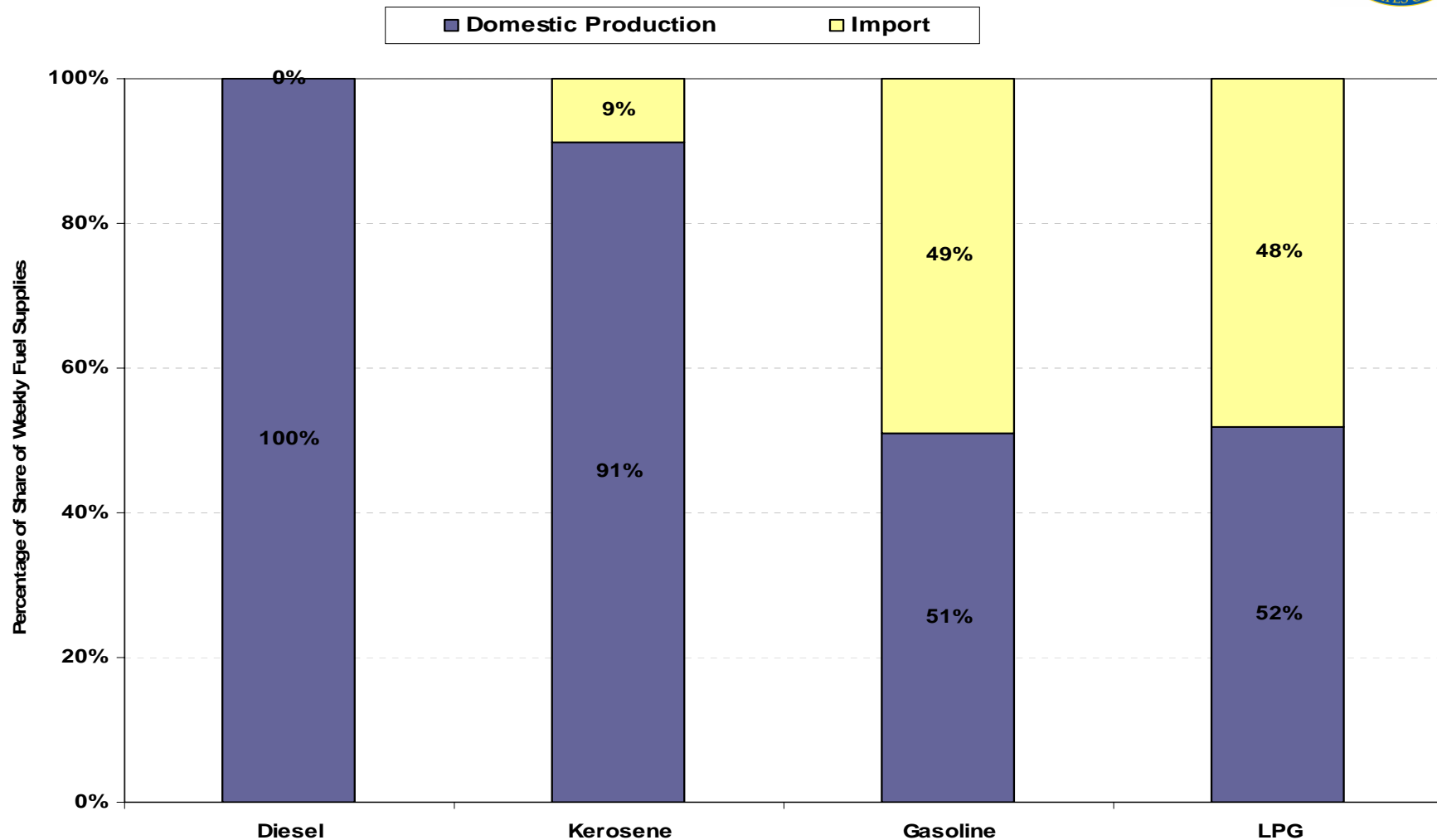
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export



- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$5.4 Billion (Year to Date)



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies

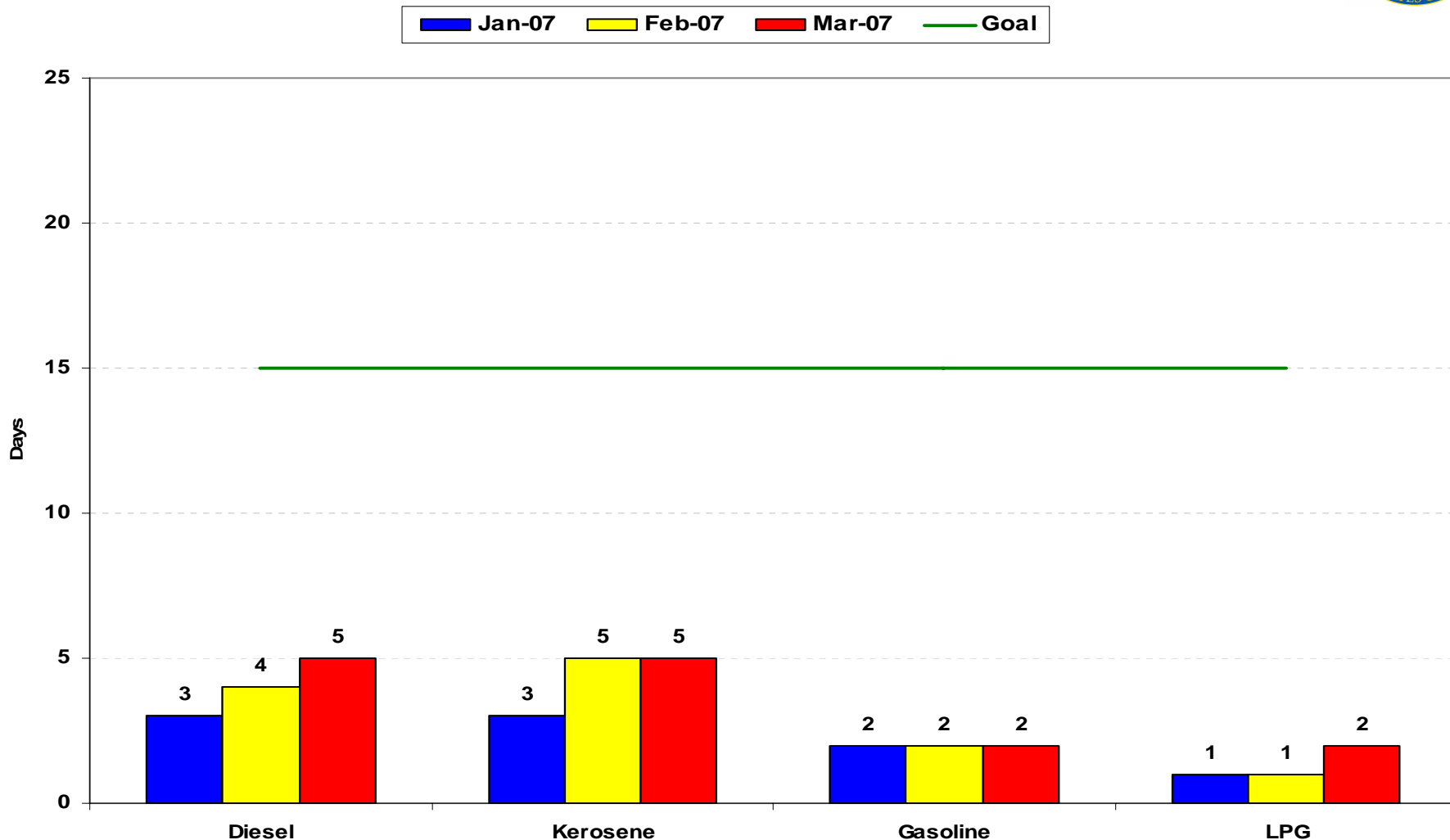


Note: This is a daily average for the week of March 12 – March 18

- Diesel: 5.3 ML supply of 22.6 ML target
- Kerosene: 4.5 ML supply of 10.1 ML target
- Gasoline: 11.2 ML supply of 22.0 ML target
- LPG: 2,473 tons supply of 5,000 tons target



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – National Stock Levels



- The goal is to have on hand 15 days supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



[6.] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law and Promote Civil Rights– Iraqi Judicial System

CCCI Convicts 23:

- The Central Criminal Court of Iraq (CCCI) convicted 23 individuals March 2-10 for violations of the Iraqi Terrorist Law, Residence Law, Penal Code, and Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) Orders enforced by the Iraqi judiciary. Crimes included joining an armed group to unsettle the stability and security of Iraq, possession of illegal weapons, and the illegal use of legal documents.
- The trial court sentenced an Iraqi man to death for violation of Iraq's terrorist law. The convicted man entered the al-Habaiyah police station disguised in an Iraqi police uniform August 6, 2006. During an entry search, he struggled with Iraqi police and shot an Iraqi police officer. After being shot in the leg by an Iraqi policeman, the convicted man was subdued and searched, and Iraqi police discovered he was wearing a vest full of explosives. The Iraqi police turned him over to Coalition Forces (CF) for detention until his conviction at CCCI March 6.
- Since its establishment under an amendment to CPA Order 13, in April 2004, the Central Criminal Court has held 1,942 trials for suspected criminals apprehended by CF. The Iraqi Court proceedings have resulted in the conviction of 1,681 individuals with sentences ranging from imprisonment to death.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

UNSG Praises International Compact with Iraq Meeting in New York:

- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon applauded a meeting held in New York regarding the International Compact with Iraq March 16, claiming it served “to bring the larger international community together to consider how best to support the people of Iraq under the Compact” which will “focus on Iraq's long-term economic development, while also stressing progress in the political and security fields, through a mutually reinforcing relationship.”
- There was almost unanimous support among Preparatory Group members for a high-level Ministerial launch of the Compact as soon as possible. Of particular significance, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia reiterated their support for the Compact process; the Saudis signaled a willingness to move toward Paris Club terms of debt relief.

Japan Extends Air Mission in Iraq:

- Japan plans to extend a law allowing its air force to fly support missions to Iraq for another two years, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said March 20. “We would like to continue to fulfill our responsibility,” he said. The legislation is expected to pass, given the ruling coalition's majority in parliament.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

IRFFI Donor Committee Meeting Concludes Successfully:

- The International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq (IRFFI) Donor Committee Meeting, which was hosted by the government of Turkey, concluded successfully March 21, with strong resolve from the international donor community, the United Nations and the World Bank to continue advancing Iraqi leadership on reconstruction efforts. They reaffirmed their support for IRFFI, which should remain an important vehicle for donors to support the implementation of the International Compact with Iraq.
- The next Donor Committee meeting will be held in the fall of this year.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

Data as of March 16, 2007

25 Countries with forces in Iraq (in addition to US)

Albania	Denmark	Lithuania	Slovakia
Armenia	El Salvador	Macedonia	South Korea
Australia	Estonia	Moldova	Ukraine
Azerbaijan	Georgia	Mongolia	UK
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Japan	Poland	
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	Romania	
Czech Republic	Latvia	Singapore	

TOTAL ~ 13,205 Forces

*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

34 Countries and NATO*
(including US)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations

*34 includes the 25 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and seven NATO, non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey



[8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

Iraqi Prime Minister Insists Sectarian Violence has Ended:

- During a television interview March 19, Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki insisted that sectarian violence in his country had ended and blamed the ongoing violence on al-Qaida, which he said posed the “biggest threat” to both Iraq and the Middle East.
- Maliki said sectarian violence had ended as the result of two factors: national reconciliation and the ability of the country’s security services in “arresting those who are provoking the sectarian unrest.”

Islamic Organization Calls for Release of German Hostages:

- In an interview published March 18, the Islamic Council for Germany called for the immediate release of two German citizens abducted in Iraq. In a video broadcast, the president of Germany also called for the release of the abducted citizens, as did Iraq’s Sunni Vice President, Tariq al-Hashimi.
- The calls for release follow a video which was shown March 10 by a previously unknown insurgent group calling itself the “Arrows of Righteousness,” in which the German hostages were threatened to be killed unless Germany withdrew from Afghanistan within ten days.



Iraq Weekly Status – General Information

- This brief draws from multiple sources. References are cited on the following pages.
- Please forward all questions and/or comments to:
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Slide 11:

- POC Bob Means (202) 647-9815
- The chart shows average daily power production in megawatt hours (MWh). 120,000 MWh goal equates to 20 hours at 6000 MW average supplied load or 24 hours at 5000 MW average supply load. To date, national electricity supply for 2007 is only one percent below 2006. Because demand is increasing, however, the relative decline in national hours of power is much larger: an average of 8.9 hours for January 1-March 14, 2007, compared with an average of 10.5 hours for the same period in 2006.



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Transportation:

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- Oil Prices are sourced from Bloomberg

Employment Update:

- Information regarding the Employment Update was sourced from the IRMO Weekly Report – March 20, 2007.
- CERP has not reported figures for some time. Until they report accurate data, the number will remain at 0.
- PCO will be reporting on a bi-weekly basis.

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- Information regarding the NID auction was gathered from the Central Bank of Iraq's website: <http://www.cbiraq.org>

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